

## CLAIMS

I claim:

1. A fireplace grate comprising a frame including a plurality of grate member, said grate members define a compartment to hold a firelog and to prevent direct contact between the firelog and wood or ceramic logs placed on top of the frame.

2. The fireplace grate of claim 1, wherein the frame includes a base and an upper cage member positioned on top of the base to define the compartment.

3. The fireplace grate of claim 2, wherein the upper cage member is hingeably attached to the base.

4. The fireplace grate of claim 2, wherein the base is formed by a plurality of grate members connected by at least two cross members, the grate members include a U-shaped portion for supporting the firelog.

5. The fireplace grate of claim 2, wherein the base is formed by a plurality of grate members connected by at least two cross members, the grate members include a V-shaped portion for supporting the firelog.

6. The fireplace grate of claim 1, wherein the firelog is a gel log.

7. The fireplace grate of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of compartments for firelog defined by the frame.

8. The fireplace grate of claim 3, further comprising a removeable handle for moving the hingeable cage member.

9. The fireplace grate of claim 2, wherein the upper cage member includes a hingeable door.

10. The fireplace grate of claim 1, wherein the firelog is supported by at least four grate members of the frame.

11. A fireplace grate comprising a frame including a plurality of grate members, said grate members define a compartment to hold a starter material and to prevent direct contact between the starter material and wood or ceramic logs placed on top of the frame.

12. A fireplace grate, said fireplace grate comprising:

a base formed by a plurality of grate members,  
said base supporting a firelog; and

at least one ceramic log pivotably attached to  
the frame by at least one pivot arm, wherein the at least one  
ceramic log pivots between a first and second position, wherein  
the first position permits the insertion of the firelog onto the  
base and the second position prevents direct contact between the  
firelog and wood or ceramic logs placed on top of the frame.

13. A fireplace grate, said fireplace grate comprising:

a base formed by a plurality of grate members,  
said base supporting a firelog; and

at least one ceramic log hingeably attached to  
the frame, wherein the at least one ceramic log hinges between  
a first and second position, wherein the first position permits  
the insertion of the firelog onto the base and the second  
position prevents direct contact between the firelog and wood or  
ceramic logs placed on top of the frame.